

OPINION 1483

Rhabdodon Matheron, 1869 (Reptilia, Ornithischia): conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the name *Rhabdodon* Fleischmann, 1831 and all uses of this name prior to the publication of *Rhabdodon* Matheron, 1869, are hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Rhabdodon* Matheron, 1869 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Rhabdodon priscus* (correction of *priscum*) Matheron, 1869, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *priscus* Matheron, 1869 (original termination corrected), as published in the binomen *Rhabdodon priscum* Matheron, 1869 (1869a, 1869b) (specific name of the type species of *Rhabdodon* Matheron, 1869), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *Rhabdodon* Fleischmann, 1831 as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2536

An application for the conservation of *Rhabdodon* Matheron, 1869 was received from Dr W. Brinkmann (*Institut für Paläontologie, Freie Universität Berlin*) on 18 October 1985. After correspondence a revised case was published in BZN 43: 269–272 (October 1986), and notice of it was given to eleven general and seven specialist journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals in BZN 43: 270. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1987 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Alvarado, Bayer, Bernardi, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Gruchy, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Savage, Schuster, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

Ride was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Halvorsen and Starobogatov.

Holthuis and Melville commented that *if* the paper cited in the application as ‘Matheron 1869b’ (see BZN 43: 271), which used both the spellings *Rhabdodon* (on the plates) and *Rabdodon* (in the text), had been published before ‘Matheron 1869a’, which used only *Rhabdodon*, then a first reviser selection under Article 24 would be needed to establish the correct original spelling. However, even if this were the situation, Matheron himself, in what would be *ex hypothesi* his second 1869 paper, used *Rhabdodon* exclusively (as have all later authors). Evidently the ‘1869b’ paper had not been published when ‘1869a’ was in proof, for on p. 792 of the latter ‘1869b’ is described as ‘sous presse’.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official-Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Rhabdodon Matheron, 1869, *Bulletin de la Société Géologique de France*, 2ème série, **26**: 792.

priscus, *Rhabdodon*, Matheron, 1869, *Bulletin de la Société Géologique de France*, 2ème série, **26**: 795.

Rhabdodon Fleischmann, 1831, *Dalmatiae nova serpentum genera*, p. 26.